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Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its decision 59/420, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (see A/59/241) elected Antonio Manuel de Oliveira Guterres as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of five years, beginning on 15 June 2005 and ending on 14 June 2010. By its decision 64/419, the Assembly re-elected Mr. Guterres for a period of five years, beginning on 15 June 2010 and ending on 14 June 2015.

2. The Secretary-General proposes to the General Assembly that the term of office of Mr. Guterres be extended until 31 December 2015.

3. In accordance with the above-mentioned provision of the General Assembly, members may wish to recall that, by paragraph 9 of its resolution 58/153, the Assembly decided to remove the temporal limitation on the continuation of the Office of the High Commissioner contained in its resolution 57/186 and to continue the Office until the refugee problem was solved.

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